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- 1. The airfield on a plateau northwest of Bryansk (34022°E/ 53014°N), Bryansk Oblast, along the road to Bezhitsa, had three concrete runways, one of which crossed the two parallel ones at a right angle. There were four destroyed hangars and a terrain with wooden cantonment buildings.
- 2. About 150 aircraft have been parked at the parking sites since early 1949. Although the planes were covered with camouflage netting, they were identified as turbojet fighters. The aircraft were observed aloft almost every day.
- 3. Description of turbojet fighters (see also Annex):
 - a. One jet power plant in fuselage. "One looked into a hole with two thorns, one above the other, projecting." Combustion exhaust distinctly visible as step under fuselage. Bottom side of fuselage therefore completely black with soot.
 - Wings possibly slightly dihedral.
 - Cigar-shaped fuselage with antenna rod from which antenna led to rudder assembly.

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Comment:

The report with the attached sketch confirms that the jet fighters stationed in Bryansk are types of the first constructed group whose main features were: Jet power plant under fuselage with distinctly visible combustion exhaust at about trailing edge of wing, conventional shape of wings.

The gircraft type cannot be determined from the attached

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rough sketch as, according to previous reports on Bryansk, two aircraft types were definitely observed, of which one type had one jet power plant and the other two power plants. *

c. The reported occupation by 150 jet fighters seems to be exaggerated as compared to previous observations (100 planes at most), but the very heavy occupation by jet fighters is thus confirmed.

1 Annex: Jet Fighter Type Observed at the Bryansk Airfield.

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